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Applicant :	John E. Peterson, et al.	Docket No. :	IL-10786
Serial No. :	09/916,847	Art Unit :	1731
Filed :	07/26/2001	Examiner :	James H. Derrington
For :	REDUCTION OF DAMAGE INITIATION DENSITY IN FUSED SILICA OPTICS VIA UV LASER CONDITIONING		

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action mailed December 18, 2002, please amend
the above-identified application as follows: